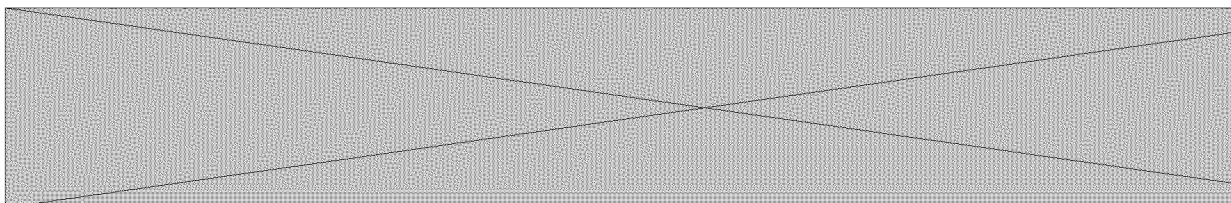


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## **Administrator**

### **McCarthy, Snyder To Appear Before House Committee Investigating Flint Today.**

The [AP](#) (3/16, Flesher) reports Administrator McCarthy "ordered some top staff members in late September to focus on lead contamination in Flint...and said the matter 'could get very big very quickly,' according to emails released Wednesday." In a September 26 email, McCarthy wrote, "Seems like the Flint lead issue is really getting concerning." McCarthy will appear today before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, "whose Republican majority has been sharply critical of the agency's actions." [Reuters](#) (3/16, Shepardson) reports the email was written several months before the EPA issued an emergency order regarding Flint in January.

The [Detroit Free Press](#) (3/16, Spangler) reports that from the emails, "it is clear" that while then-EPA Region 5 Director Susan Hedman "and EPA officials in Chicago had known for months about the problems in Flint, it was only in September that word of how serious those circumstances might turn out to be reached Washington."

The [Detroit Free Press](#) (3/16, Spangler) reports that "the two top-most government officials linked to the Flint water crisis" – Gov. Rick Snyder and Administrator McCarthy – will appear before the House committee today. Snyder "will say that the contamination of Flint's water supply was a failure of government at every level: local, state and federal," while McCarthy "will place the blame squarely on the state, criticizing decisions not only by state regulators but by Snyder's hand-picked officials in Flint, saying if the EPA made any mistake it was having been 'so trusting of the state for so long.'"

[MLive \(MI\)](#) (3/16, Fonger) reports that in her statement, McCarthy will say the Flint crisis "is the result of a state-appointed emergency manager's decision to use the Flint River as a water source and state regulators' decision not to require treatment to make the water less corrosive." [Roll Call](#) (3/16) reports that Republicans "plan to continuing hammering the EPA on why it knew about the contamination for months but did not ensure that the water was properly treated or that the public was notified." In his prepared opening statement, committee Chairman Jason Chaffetz

says, "If the EPA doesn't know when to step in and ensure a community has safe drinking water, I'm not sure why it exists at all."

WEYI-TV [redacted] Flint, MI (3/16, 11:05 p.m. ET) reported that Administrator McCarthy "will slam the state, saying, quote, 'From day one, the state provided our regional office with confusing, incomplete, and incorrect information.'" WSMH-TV [redacted] Flint, MI (3/16, 10:04 p.m. ET) said McCarthy "is expected to get a lot of tough questions, because the EPA has been under fire from the very beginning." WJBK-TV [redacted] Detroit (3/16, 10:14 p.m. ET), WNEM-TV [redacted] Flint-Saginaw, MI (3/16, 11:03 p.m. ET), and WXMI-TV [redacted] Grand Rapids, MI (3/16, 11:23 p.m. ET) also reported on McCarthy's upcoming testimony.

Meanwhile, the AP (3/16) reports that Snyder will say the crisis "represents 'a failure of government at all levels,' but the main culprit" is the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. The Washington Post (3/16, Bernstein) reports Snyder will say that "'systemic failures' at the state's environmental protection agency led to the poisoning of Flint's water supply." The Hill (DC) (3/16, Cama) reports Snyder plans to use his testimony "to reduce finger-pointing over the Flint drinking water crisis and highlight what he's done to help the city."

The Detroit News (3/16, Livengood) reports Snyder met with Chaffetz and committee ranking Democrat Elijah Cummings on Wednesday "as congressional Democrats said 15 staffers and advisers to Snyder have refused requests to be interviewed or turn over records" related to the Flint crisis. The Detroit Free Press (3/16) reports that a Snyder spokesman said Snyder "has been 'cooperating fully with the congressional investigation and encourage(s) others to do the same.'"

The Detroit News (3/16, Oosting) reports that five families who are in Washington to hear Snyder's testimony have requested a meeting with the governor, but a spokesperson said it would not fit Snyder's schedule.

Daniel Howes writes in his Detroit News (3/16) column that Snyder will not "point fingers and shift blame because there is plenty to go around" and because "evidence of the state of Michigan's culpability in the Flint water crisis is too overwhelming to ignore. Instead, the governor once again will apologize to Flint residents." But "what good the contrition will do at this point...remains to be seen."

Derrick Z Jackson of the Union of Concerned Scientists (3/16) writes, "It is clear from Tuesday's hearing that the EPA has questions to answer, too. The hearing centered on a preliminary report last June of high lead levels in Flint water by EPA scientist Miguel del Toral. But nearly another half-year passed before the city did anything."

**FEMA Rejects Snyder's Request For Additional Funds For Flint.** Reuters (3/16, Klayman) reports FEMA has denied Snyder's request for additional funds for Flint. FEMA Associate Administrator Elizabeth Zimmerman said in a letter, "It is recognized that substantial costs have been incurred at the state and local levels in responding to the health concerns associated with the water contamination. The assistance FEMA has provided and continues to provide is intended to address the immediate emergency needs." The Detroit Free Press (3/16, Egan) reports that Snyder, who requested the additional funding two weeks ago, said he is disappointed by the refusal.

The Detroit News (3/16, Burke) reports that Snyder "had specifically requested funding from a program for emergency protective measures to reimburse costs for the provision of food and water and other essential needs, removal of health and safety hazards, activation of state or local emergency operations centers, and emergency measures to protect further damage."

### **Snyder Calls On Senate To Pass Flint Aid; House Committee Rejects Budget**

**Amendment.** The Detroit News (3/16, Burke and Oosting) reports Snyder “is asking Congress to pass ‘immediately’ the Flint-related bipartisan legislation pending in the Senate ‘so we can further protect the health and safety of Flint families.’” It was the first time Snyder “has publicly called on the GOP-controlled U.S. Senate to act on the legislation.”

Meanwhile, the Detroit News (3/16, Burke) reports that the House Budget Committee “defeated a Flint-inspired amendment to the proposed Republican budget for \$457.5 million in emergency aid targeted at communities with lead-contaminated public drinking water” on a party-line 22-14 vote. The Hill (DC) (3/16, Ferris) reports Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI), who has offered the amendment, said, “I’m asking my colleagues to do one vote today in a nonpartisan fashion to just give them hope.”

**Judge Cancels Hearing On Flint Water Bill Injunction.** The AP (3/16) reports that US District Court Judge John Corbett O’Meara, who is “being urged to stop water bills in Flint,” has called “a timeout in the dispute,” cancelling a hearing on an injunction scheduled for today and instead scheduling a status conference with attorneys on March 23.

**Environmental Attorney Hall Joins Michigan AG’s Probe.** MLive (MI) (3/16, Devereaux) reports that Wayne State University “environmental/water legal expert” Noah Hall, an attorney, has joined Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette’s Flint investigation team. Hall said, “I’ve never seen an environmental problem affect so many people in such a concentrated way.”

Daily Kos (3/16) summarizes the Flint-related events of the week.

### **McCarthy Addresses National Environmental Justice Advisory Council.**

WDAM-TV Hattiesburg, MS (3/16) reports on its website that Administrator McCarthy spoke in Gulfport, Mississippi Wednesday morning at a meeting of the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council. McCarthy said, “Simply put, we’re here because there are communities left behind. We are here because there are communities that are continuing to have disproportionate impacts. And for the most part, that’s our low income and minority communities.”

### **Additional Reading.**

- **I-70 Expansion In North Denver Target Of Lawsuit.** The Denver Post (3/16, Whaley)

## **Air**

### **EPA Rules That California Air Pollution Reduction Program Is Illegal.**

The Los Angeles Business Journal (3/16, Fine) reports that the South Coast Air Quality Management District’s controversial Reclaim program, designed “to give local refineries and major manufacturing more flexibility in reduce air pollution,” was ruled illegal by the EPA for failing to meet national air standards. The air district has been ordered to “submit new regulations within the next year” to ensure compliance with the Clean Air Act.

### **Members Of House Divided Over EPA Regulations Affecting Race Cars.**

Bloomberg BNA (3/16, Adragna) reports members of the House “went round in circles” this week about whether proposed EPA emissions standards “would effectively outlaw part of the amateur car racing industry. Racing industry representatives and Republicans argued language in the

proposed regulations would contradict decades of precedent under the Clean Air Act” by letting the EPA assert regulatory authority “over vehicles no longer in use on roadways or for transportation,” while Democrats said the EPA “was attempting to clarify its long-standing interpretation of the statute and did not intend to pursue enforcement actions against individual car enthusiasts.”

Jalopnik (3/16, Schrader) reports that a House panel “hosted three experts to talk about the bill itself and explain what kind of impact the EPA’s proposed changes would have on the motorsports industry, the racing community and the environment.”

## **Brownfields/Superfund/Other Cleanups**

### **Senior Engineer Said He Was “Not Happy” With Interior Department Report On Gold King Mine.**

The Washington Times (3/16, Richardson) reports US Army Corps of Engineers senior geotechnical engineer Richard Olsen, who was in charge of “reviewing the Interior Department’s report on the Gold King Mine spill, said he had misgivings about it but felt under pressure to sign off, according to emails released Tuesday.” In an October 14 email, he wrote, “I’m not happy with the report.” He also “implied that the department may have been too close to the EPA to conduct a truly independent probe, saying, ‘The issue is that they work a lot with EPA on mining issues.’”

**Daily Caller: EPA Has “Done Little” To Clear Up Incident.** The Daily Caller (3/16, Bastasch, Barton) writes that the EPA has “done little to clear up unexplained aspects surrounding the Gold King Mine blowout” and has “given shifting accounts of how three million gallons of mine waste was spilled into drinking water for three states and the Navajo Nation.” The Caller says EPA workers “inexplicably [built] a channel for draining mine waste” and “opened up the mine without the proper equipment on-site that day.”

In a letter to the editor of the Wall Street Journal (3/16), James Snead of Virginia Beach, Virginia criticizes the EPA for not firing anyone over the spill.

## **Climate Change**

### **Scholar Says Supreme Court Stay Does Not Bar All EPA Action On Clean Power Plan.**

Richard Revesz of the New York University School and director of the Institute for Policy Integrity, writes for The Hill (DC) (3/16, Revesz) that while last month’s Supreme Court stay of the Clean Power Plan “unquestionably bars the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from enforcing any of the rule’s requirements until the lawsuits against it are fully resolved,” claims that “the stay requires the EPA to halt all work” related to the rule are “spurious.” Revesz says there is “ample precedent for federal agencies continuing to work on policies stayed by courts.”

**Fort Collins, Colorado To Join Brief Supporting EPA Over Clean Power Plan.** The Fort Collins (CO) Coloradoan (3/16, Duggan) reports the Fort Collins, Colorado City Council voted 5-2 Tuesday evening “to join a coalition of entities from across the country participating in an amicus curiae, or friend of the court, brief expected to be filed” in support of the EPA “and the implementation of its Clean Power Plan Rule.”

### **Smith Says NOAA Climate Data Adjustment Politically Motivated.**

The Hill (DC) (3/16, Cama) reports that House Science, Space, and Technology Chairman Lamar Smith “faced off on Wednesday” with NOAA Administrator Kathryn Sullivan. Smith said of the

NOAA's upward adjustment of historical temperature data, "The goal was clear from the start: remove a weakness in the administration's climate change agenda." Sullivan stood by the research and her agency's response to the committee, saying, "We fully respect the committee's oversight responsibilities and have been working diligently since your very first letter to do precisely that."

### **New Orleans Mayor Urges State To Recognize Climate Change Threat.**

The New Orleans Times-Picayune (3/16) reports that New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu on Wednesday urged the state Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority to address the causes and effects of climate change, which he described as an "existential threat" to the city. "We're losing a hundred yards every 45 minutes," Landrieu said, "It's the result of rising sea level, it's the result of hurricanes. It's the result of climate change."

### **International Energy Agency: World Economy Grows As Carbon Dioxide Emissions Stable.**

Think Progress (3/16, Romm) reports that the International Energy Agency "has confirmed that global carbon dioxide emissions have decoupled from economic growth. The IEA reports that for the second year in a row, the world economy has grown while energy-related CO2 emissions – the primary cause of climate change – remained flat, thanks to energy efficiency and a big surge in renewables." US emissions were down two percent "and China's 1.5 percent, 'as coal use dropped for the second year in a row.'"

### **Additional Reading.**

- **Industry Groups Say EPA Methane Reduction Plan Costly, Unneeded.** Bakken Magazine (ND) (3/16, Miller)

## **Energy**

### **US Opens Up New York Coast For Wind Development.**

The AP (3/16, Long) reports that on Wednesday the US government dedicated 125 square miles off New York's coast to develop wind energy, "pushing forward a renewable energy proposal" created in 2011 by New York utilities. The AP writes that at least five companies expressed an interest in developing wind farms in the area. The New York Times (3/16, Schlossberg) adds that "New Yorkers will not be seeing offshore turbines anytime soon," given the leases are 11 nautical miles from the shoreline, and the several-year process of planning the wind farm which includes environmental assessments, an auction and submitting plans for public comment.

POLITICO New York (3/16, Waldman) reports that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said the state has "tremendous" offshore wind potential, adding that opening these leases "marks another important step in the president's strategy to tap clean, renewable energy from the nation's vast wind and solar resources." Politico writes that the "wind currents off of Long Island" are some of the best in the world, and that large wind farms "will be essential" for New York to meet "Gov. Andrew Cuomo's push to power half of the electrical grid with renewable energy by 2030."

But, Newsday (NY) (3/16, Harrington) reports construction isn't expected to begin until 2022 according to federal officials, "if the site is ultimately approved at all." Newsday writes that busy shipping lanes will complicate the wind development and "commercial fishing interests widely oppose the site."

### **Additional Reading.**

- **This Chart Shows The EPA And Natural Gas Dethroned King Coal.** The Daily Caller (3/16, Follett)

## **Hazardous Waste**

### **Kentucky AG Begins Investigation Into Alleged Illegal Dumping.**

The Louisville (KY) Courier-Journal (3/16, Bruggers) reports Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear has “opened an investigation into what other state officials have described as illegal dumping of out-of-state radioactive oil and gas drilling waste” in Estill and Greenup counties. In a written statement, Beshear “said that ‘protecting Kentucky families is my top priority, so I am particularly troubled that the Blue Ridge Landfill in Irvine allegedly containing these hazardous materials is located across the road from two schools.’”

## **International**

### **Doubling Renewables By 2030 May Save \$4.2 Trillion Per Year Worldwide.**

Reuters (3/16) reports that doubling renewable energy sources to 36% by 2030 could save the global economy as much as \$4.2 trillion yearly, according to an International Renewable Energy Agency report released on Wednesday. Reuters writes that under existing frameworks renewables are projected to reach 21% by 2030. The article says IRENA’s report estimates that it would cost \$290 billion a year to double renewables share in the energy mix, but total savings from pollution and emission reductions would be \$1.2 to \$4.2 trillion. “Achieving a doubling is not only feasible, it is cheaper than not doing so,” says IRENA Director General Adnan Amin in a statement.

### **Mexico City Extends Air Pollution Alert.**

The AP (3/17, Castillo) reports that “authorities in greater Mexico City extended an air pollution alert for a fourth day, as smog levels improved slightly but pollution remained at almost 1 1/2 times acceptable limits in some areas.” For the first time in 11 years, “hundreds of thousands of cars” sat idle Wednesday as the city “offered free subway and bus rides.” In a “rotating scheme, a different but equivalent set of cars will be told to stay off the streets Thursday.”

## **Other**

### **Garland Said To Have “Record Of Siding With Environmental Regulators.”**

The Daily Caller (3/16, White) writes that Supreme Court nominee Merrick Garland “has a record of siding with environmental regulators over coal producers, among other fossil fuel groups, according to the Governor’s Wind & Solar Energy Coalition.” Tom Goldstein of SCOTUSblog wrote in 2010, when Garland was also under consideration for the court, that Garland “is a mixed bag on environmental issues, delivering decisions that both favor ‘contesting EPA regulations’ and those giving deference to EPA’s overarching regulatory hand.” He was on the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit when it upheld the EPA’s mercury standards for power plants in 2014, a decision later overturned by the Supreme Court. Reuters (3/16, Hurley) also says Garland has shown sympathy toward government regulators on the bench.

### **McCabe To Address Renewable Energy Forum Today.**

The Hill (DC) (3/16, Cama, Henry) reports an annual policy forum will be held today by the American Council for Renewable Energy. EPA Acting Assistant Administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation Janet McCabe is among the scheduled speakers.

## **Rules/Regulations/Policy**

### **House Republicans Concerned Over EPA's Takeover Of Ethanol Fuel Standards In 2022.**

The Hill (DC) (3/16, Henry) reports Republicans on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee raised questions Wednesday about the EPA's "potential eventual control over the federal ethanol fuel mandate." Congress "has provided the EPA with statutory blending requirements until 2022," at which time the EPA can set Renewable Fuel Standard levels on its own. Republicans, "many of whom oppose the mandate," said they are "confused about what the EPA will do." Rep. Ken Buck (R-CO) asked, "When does the market kick in? When does a consumer get to say, I want E85, I want E10, I want E0?" EPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality Director Christopher Grundler told the committee that Congress "gave it a list of factors to consider should 2022 come around and the EPA takes over the formulation of blending levels."

### **Additional Reading.**

- **US EPA "Analyzing" Potential Shift In RFS Obligation From Refiners To Blenders.** Platts (3/16, Wang)

## **Toxics/TSCA**

### **Justice Department Looking Into Lead Contamination In New York Public Housing.**

Reuters (3/16, Raymond, Pierson) reports the Justice Department has opened a civil investigation regarding lead in New York public housing. The New York Times (3/16, Navarro, Rashbaum) reports the inquiry by US Attorney Preet Bharara is due to "the possibility that the New York City Housing Authority filed false claims to federal housing officials for payment related to the conditions." The Wall Street Journal (3/16, O'Brien) reports prosecutors have asked a federal judge to compel the city to provide information including "documents reflecting complaints of unsafe, unsanitary, or unhealthful conditions in NYCHA public housing."

The New York Daily News (3/16, Smith) reports that Bharara on Wednesday "demanded records from the city Health Department related to 'unhealthy and unsafe' conditions in Housing Authority apartments and shelters, including data on residents with elevated blood-lead levels." The New York Post (3/16) reports that "last November, the government asked the city Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in a 10-page civil investigative demand for information, 'about individuals with elevated blood-lead levels in NYCHA public housing and documents reflecting complaints of unsafe, unsanitary or unhealthful conditions.'"

## **Water**

### **USA Today Investigation Finds Excessive Lead In Nearly 2,000 Water Systems Nationwide.**

In a 3,500-word front-page feature, USA Today (3/16, A1, Young, Nichols) investigates lead in water across the US, writing that it "has identified almost 2,000 additional water systems spanning all 50 states where testing has shown excessive levels of lead contamination over the past four years." The water systems, "which reported lead levels exceeding Environmental Protection



Agency standards, collectively supply water to 6 million people,” with about 350 of them providing “drinking water to schools or day cares.” A water sample at one Maine elementary school “was 42 times higher than the EPA limit of 15 parts per billion, while a Pennsylvania preschool was 14 times higher.”


The Louisville (KY) Courier-Journal (3/16, Bruggers) reports the USA Today investigation found that “all water utilities in Kentucky and Southern Indiana...comply with a federal lead drinking water rule,” but the EPA is still “calling on all states to do more to make sure their residents know which communities have lead problems and where lead service lines remain, amid a growing refrain that the EPA rules aren’t protective enough.”

### **Newark Public Schools Admit To Knowing About Lead In Water For Several Years.**

The New York Times (3/16, McGeehan) reports Newark Public Schools officials acknowledged Wednesday “that water in the city’s schools had contained elevated levels of lead for years.” Reports from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to be released today “showed that levels of lead above 15 parts per billion...had been found in about 250 samples of water in the schools in the past four years.” Newark Public Schools Superintendent Christopher Cerf told the Times, “As a parent, I too find the fact that the district has identified elevated levels of lead in water in each of these past years extremely concerning.”

The Wall Street Journal (3/16, King, Brody) reports that more than 100 people turned out for a school advisory board meeting on the lead issue Wednesday. Cerf, who became superintendent in July, declined to say whether his predecessors should have taken more aggressive action. He said, “I decided that whatever past practices had been, and I’m not going to judge them, that the appropriate thing to do was to contact experts and be transparent by getting the data out into the world.” CNN (3/16, Jorgensen) also has a report on its website.

### **Thompson Seeks EPA Assessment On Grenada, Mississippi Groundwater Contamination.**

WTVA-TV  Columbus, MS (3/16, 6:02 p.m. CT) reported that Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-MS) “is asking for a new set of eyes on the EPA’s investigation into contamination of groundwater and the air in the East Heights Community in Grenada. ... Thompson sent a letter to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy Monday criticizing the agency’s handling of industrial solvent contamination under parts of the subdivision off Moose Lodge Road. He says the agency has known of the problem since 1993, but has done nothing to help the residents there. ... Thompson wants environmental investigators to do an assessment on the contamination.”

### **Additional Reading.**

- **DHEC Failed To Properly Monitor Water For Lead.** The Greenville (SC) News (3/16)
- **Drinking Water Providers Flagged For Contamination.** The Salem (OR) Statesman Journal (3/16, Loew)
- **Fifteenth Round Of Sebring Water Tests OK.** WFMJ-TV Youngstown, OH (3/16)
- **How Much Lead Is In New Orleans Tap Water?** The New Orleans Times-Picayune (3/16, Granger)
- **Lead In Water At Penfield School: Should Parents Be Concerned?** WHEC-TV Rochester, NY (3/16)
- **Okaloosa Health Department Releases Water Quality Results.** The Crestview (FL) News Bulletin (3/16)
- **Review Of 5 NC Drinking-Water Systems Reveals Effective Lead-Testing Protocols.** The Asheville (NC) Citizen-Times (3/16, Cronin)

## Last Laughs

### Late Night Humor.

**Jimmy Kimmel:** Tuesday was a “very disappointing night for Bernie Sanders, which was a little bit of a surprise. He seemed to be polling very well among everyone’s most annoying Facebook friends.”

**Jimmy Kimmel:** Both Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump “have very high unfavorability ratings. Hillary is 53% unfavorable and Trump clocks in at an extraordinary 63% unfavorable, which I think, like, Jared from Subway has higher than that. This election is going to be the political equivalent of having lunch at Panda Express – nobody wins.”

**Jimmy Kimmel:** “A disappointing finish for Marco Rubio, a man who fueled his campaign with all the fire and spontaneity of Vicki the robot from ‘Small Wonder.’”

**Jimmy Kimmel:** “Rubio dropped out of the race. He went back to Washington and locked his office door to make sure no Supreme Court nominees get in. So good luck to him.”

**Stephen Colbert:** “To secure the nomination at the convention in Cleveland this summer, [Gov. John] Kasich would have to get 116% of the remaining delegates. We’d have to make him governor of every remaining state, plus some states we don’t even have yet.”

**Stephen Colbert:** “And if Ted Cruz is right, if every single anti-Trump voter unites behind him, he could get enough delegates to be the nominee. Then the GOP establishment can say, ‘Goodbye, candidate we don’t like. Hello, candidate we can’t stand.’”

**Stephen Colbert:** “But if Cruz can’t do it, there is one other way to deny Trump the nomination: a brokered convention. ... If Donald Trump doesn’t get 1,237 delegates in the first round of voting, they’re all free to vote for whoever. Great news. The Republican campaign could start all over again, only this time crammed into a week. So you can binge-watch the death of the GOP.”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “It was a huge night for Hillary Clinton, who won in five states. And afterwards she gave a speech and graciously thanked Bernie Sanders for the vigorous campaign he’s waging, then said, ‘and losing.’”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “Meanwhile, during Bernie Sanders’ speech after the losses, Bernie spoke up against the family that owns Walmart for paying low wages, which could backfire in a couple weeks when Bernie winds up working as a greeter.”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “Donald Trump won every Republican state primary last night except for Ohio, which went to John Kasich. Trump didn’t seem to mind since, as he put it, ‘The word ‘Ohio’ is full of zeros.’”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “The other big story from last night was that Marco Rubio pulled out of the race after losing the Florida primary to Trump by almost 20 points. But it still is a great story. I mean, nothing symbolizes America more than the son of poor immigrants growing up to run for president and then being crushed by a billionaire.”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “President Obama nominated Appeals Court Judge Merrick Garland to serve on the Supreme Court. Judge Garland actually got choked up while accepting President Obama’s nomination in the White House Rose Garden, especially when Obama was like, ‘Will you accept this rose?’”

**Seth Meyers:** “Donald Trump won yesterday’s Republican primaries in Florida, Illinois, and North Carolina. Trump did especially well with white males, Caucasian men, and non-women of no color.”

**Seth Meyers:** “According to exit poll data, two-thirds of Republican voters in yesterday’s Florida primary were older than 50 and the other one-third were their parents.”

**Seth Meyers:** “After finishing a distant second in his home state of Florida, Marco Rubio announced yesterday that he is ending his campaign. Rubio plans to return to his old job as a Lego businessman.”

**Seth Meyers:** “When announcing last night that he is dropping out, Marco Rubio told supporters, ‘We should have seen this coming.’ If it makes you feel any better, Marco, we did.”

**Seth Meyers:** “Hillary Clinton won yesterday’s primaries in Florida, Illinois, North Carolina, and Ohio. And you can tell she’s feeling confident, because she gave her victory speech from the Oval Office.”

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